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NOVEMBER REPORT

OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their office Arcadia, DeSoto County, Fla., Nov. 7th, 1906.

Present: Wm King, chairman, F. Bostick, N. C. Larsen, J. H. Concannon.

Minutes of last meetings were read and approved.

The following firearm bonds were approved and permits issued: Geo. F. Smith with Paul Wernike and E. E. Thompson as sureties. N. Bourland, with R. B. Campbell and C. H. Smith as sureties. D. Mercer, with F. H. Hays and F. N. Bourland as sureties.

The Tax Assessor, F. M. Cooper presented his agricultural report for 1906, which was approved by the Board.

The Blazers on the following described road reported, and one notice posted on the Court House door and one mailed to J. B. Hudson, Crewsville, Fla.: Branching from Zolfo and Crewsville road to B. M. Waldron's place and running in a north-easterly direction to the Isom Crews place, thence in same direction to N. W. corner of 1/4 of sw 1/4 of sec. 8 tp. 35 S. R. and thence in a direct line to Lake Jackson.

Commissioner D. W. Brown appointed to sell oranges on county farm reports sale of said oranges for \$285.17.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, December, 1906, the Board of County Commissioners will proceed to create a Board of Commissioners for the protection of groves, orchards, etc., as provided in chap. revised statutes of Florida, petitions from the growers having been filed.

The Comptroller is hereby requested and this Board recommends allow J. H. Concannon to redeem Lot 19 block 33, Punta Gorda at the face value for all outstanding certificates and subsequent omitted years, without interest.

Chairman appointed Commissioner J. H. Concannon as member Board to canvass election returns.

Board signed justice of Peace and H. Wuthrich, of Bunker, for \$100, with Carl Holmer and H. E. Wild as sureties.

The County Judge and Tax Collector filed the following report licenses for the month of Oct., 1906:

For State,\$165.75
For County, 117.25

Total,\$283.00

On petition Daniel Coker, Jr. appointed inspector of cattle slaughtered at Gardner.

On petition Geo. L. Mercer was appointed recorder and inspector of cattle slaughtered in District No. sixteen.

The Treasurer is hereby instructed to transfer \$600 from No. 3 Road account to each separate road accounts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in all 3,000.

Also, \$36.50 from No. 4 road account to No. 3 road account.

Firearm bond of W. B. Clay with W. S. Davenport and A. Roe as sureties approved by the Board and permit issued.

The county officials filed their respective reports.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet the first Monday in Dec. 1906.

H. E. CARLTON, Clerk.

A Letter From Governor Broward.

The following letter from Governor Broward will be read with interest as outlining in a measure some of the thoughts and plans of our gubernatorial chief:

EDITOR CHAMPION: As Governor of the State of Florida, I desire to thank you for the patriotic fight that you made during the campaign just closed, in behalf of the proposed amendment to the constitution, creating Drainage Commissioners, authorizing them to lay out a Drainage District and levy an acreage tax therein, upon all of the alluvial, taxable swamp and overflowed lands.

It is true that we have been defeated in the first skirmish, but as soon as the voters have had time to think and reason, they will, with practical unanimity, thank you for the patriotic service that you have endeavored to render them and the State of Florida. No unprejudiced voter, or voters, who had not some ulterior motive, would vote to make himself and his neighbors pay out of the proceeds of the sale of portions of their less than three million acres of land, for the drainage of not only it, but the four and one-half million acres of land in the same district, owned by nine land syndicates. When the voters find out that we, as trustees, must continue to dig with the two dredges built from the money derived from the sale of their swamp and overflowed lands, thereby reclaiming the millions of acres of land already given to the corporations, they will see that they were misled in voting against the amendment. It is an imposition upon the people to compel the trustees to sell for them lands at 50 cents per acre, with which to drain not only their lands, but the railroad lands, where if the amendment had been adopted, and the corporations thereby compelled to pay what they already owe, we would not have been compelled to sell any more of our land, until the first main drainage canal was cut, and the land had increased in value from 50 cents an acre to from \$5 to \$100 an acre. But we must hope that the court will decide the act constitutional, of which act the amendment was a copy. Again, thanking you, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

N. B. BROWARD,

Governor.

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin Stated Supply. The Dedication Service next Sunday morning will be of unusual interest.

Rev. C. H. Ferran, former pastor of the church, will preach the Dedication Sermon, and will also preach in a Union Service in the Methodist church in the evening.

Mr. Ferran has in Arcadia a host of admiring friends who will be glad to meet him again and hear him preach.

The Methodist church has kindly volunteered to unite with us in the morning service.

The duet and the quartette will lend special attraction to the occasion.

State of Florida

By His Excellency

Napoleon B. Broward,

GOVERNOR.

A Proclamation.

In accordance with a custom sacred in the memory of the people of Florida, I hereby appoint Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of

Thanksgiving and Prayer.

And I recommend to all the people of this State that on that day, in devout assemblies in their respective places of worship, and in glad gatherings around family firesides, they give thanks to Almighty God for the prosperity which fills our land with plenty and for a civilization which endears and consecrates associations of home.

And I further recommend that the people make ready for this festival with love, which binds all hearts and brightens all homes; and with charity, that blesses alike both the giver and the receiver, so broad that it shall reach its needy one in the State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 8th day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first year.

By the Governor; Attest: N. B. BROWARD,
H. CLAY CRAWFORD, Governor.
Secretary of State.

ANOTHER BIG FIRE

TWO HANDSOME RESIDENCES BURNED TUESDAY NIGHT.

When on Tuesday night at 6:45 the alarm of "Fire! Fire!" was shouted on our streets, Arcadians were reminded of last Thanksgiving night, nearly a year ago, when almost all of business Arcadia was reduced to ashes. But this time the alarm came from the residence portion of Western Arcadia and those who responded to the alarm quickly discovered the upper story of John H. Treadwell's handsome residence in flames supposedly set from a spark from the flue, a fire having been built in the fireplace a few minutes before.

On the arrival of assistance the fire had made such headway that it would have been impossible, without waterworks to save any portion of the house, so everybody went to work with a will to save all the contents, if possible. Nearly everything on the first floor was saved, but most of that on the second was consumed by the flames.

It took but a few minutes to begin the fight to save the Daniel's residence, just east, but the wind was from the west and in a little while it was so hot that it was impossible to work between the buildings and the effort had to be given up. But willing hands made quick work of moving the household effects to places of safety.

To the west of the Treadwell residence was E. D. Treadwell's cozy home, and here is where one of the gallant fights of the night took place, and the fighters were rewarded by being successful in keeping the house from burning.

Across the street the residences of T. D. and Jerry Carlton were in some danger, but were easily kept from catching.

The losses are about as follows: J. H. Treadwell, residence and furnishings, \$5,000, insured for \$2,500. W. E. Daniels, residence \$2,500, insured for \$1,200.

It is supposed that both Mr. Treadwell and Mr. Daniels will rebuild at once, and more substantial houses than those burned.

Charlotte Harbor Items.

Mr. Marcus Giddens, of Tampa, Fla., is here preparing his father's oranges for market.

Rev. R. Y. Walden, of Wauchoula has moved his family here.

Mr. E. O. Coram is having his dwelling painted and it improves its looks wonderfully.

Mr. I. P. Jennings has returned from Arcadia, Saturday, where he has been attending court.

Mr. Gus Gafford passed through here today enroute for the turpentine still.

Miss Bertha Sampson is in Punta Gorda spending the week with Mrs. Rankin.

Mrs. W. H. Burkhalter returned to her home in Lakeland last week, after a few days stay with her parents.

Rev. Walden is preparing to do quite a large business in our town packing oranges.

Ewing-Johnson.

Mr. H. J. Ewing and Miss Lessie V. Johnson were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at six o'clock at the Christian Church parsonage by the Rev. T. J. Boone. Mr. Ewing is the popular manager of the wall papering department of the C. Baffe-Conroy Company, while the bride is the charming young daughter of Mr. C. M. Johnson, of Arcadia, Fla.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

ELECTION RETURNS

THE OFFICIAL FIGURES IN DeSOTO COUNTY.

Following are the correct official totals of the votes cast in DeSoto County for the various men and measures on the ballot:

For Representative in Congress from first Dist., C. C. Allen 95, Stephen M. Sparkman 475

For Justices Supreme Court, W. C. Green 126, C. B. Parkhill 428 and J. B. Whitfield 442

For Railroad Commissioners, W. C. Beach 116, Newton A. Blitch 485, R. H. Burr 439 and C. A. Sill 67

For Representative, W. H. Hooker 548

For Sheriff, A. C. Freeman 741

For County Judge, R. E. Brown 740

For County Treasurer, Jas. A. Hendry 714

For Tax Assessor, F. M. Cooper 701

For Tax Collector, W. C. Langford 740

For County Commissioner Dist. No. 1, D. J. Farabee, 423

Dist. No. 2, Chas. L. Keen, 419

Dist. No. 3, J. H. Concannon 423

Dist. No. 4, D. S. Williams, 398

Dist. No. 5, R. L. Holzendorf, 407.

For Member School Board Dist. No. 1, T. R. Starke, 436

Dist. No. 2, F. B. McClelland, 450.

Dist. No. 3, J. R. Sandlin, 442

For Drainage Amendment 266, against 447

For Amendment raising salaries of Judges 219, against 283

For Amendment relating to salaries of criminal courts of record 110, against 153

For Amendment relating to amendment of the constitution 149, against 169

Thank-Offering for the Orphanage

Thursday, the 29th day of November, is National Thanksgiving Day. It is to be a day of thanksgiving and praise to our Father for the many blessings we have received, and of prayer for the continuation of His mercies. On that day the people of Florida will meet in their churches and in their homes to worship and thank God for His many mercies bestowed on us through the year, and to pray that He may move us by His spirit to receive and to use these blessings for His glory.

As is our yearly custom, we come to you again and ask that the people everywhere in the state, whether you meet at your homes or at church, or wherever you may be, will send the Florida Baptist Orphanage a Thank-offering.

It is the laudable custom of many to send gifts to the poor on that day. Please remember the orphans at Arcadia, and send to me an offering to help on your great work at this place.

While you are considering this important matter, please bear in mind that we sorely need another building, the lower story for a school room, and the upper story as a dormitory for the boys. This building will cost about \$6,000. By a liberal thank-offering you can help us to do all we can for these children.

Send amounts to me as below.

Sincerely,

B. M. BRAN, Supt.

Arcadia, Fla.